



## BLOGGER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COLLEGE PLANNING CENTER  
SFN 60339 (03-2013)

Bank of North Dakota is seeking bloggers for the College Planning Center. High school and college students interested in sharing their experiences in preparing for and attending college are encouraged to apply. This unique opportunity is also open to parents of high school and college students who want to share their insights and challenges with helping their students get into college and be successful. Selected bloggers will post weekly articles during the 2013-14 school year and receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college the student attends.

### How to Apply:

- Application deadline is May 1, 2013.
- Complete application and send to Bank of North Dakota with a photo and unofficial transcript.
- Completed applications may be mailed or emailed to:

Bank of North Dakota  
Blogger Scholarship  
1200 Memorial Hwy  
PO Box 5524  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5524  
Email: banknd@nd.gov

### Who is Eligible:

- North Dakota high school junior or senior; or college freshman, sophomore or junior.
- Parent of a North Dakota high school junior or senior; or college freshman, sophomore or junior.

### Criteria:

- Student must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- Willing to submit weekly online blog posts sharing personal experiences on planning for and going to college. Posting timeframe is August 2013 to May 2014.
- Mail application by deadline with photo and unofficial transcript.
- Willing to share image and participate in printed materials, social medial and video developed by Bank of North Dakota.
- Finalists will be interviewed over the telephone/Skype.

### Scholarship:

- Blogger will be awarded \$1,000 scholarship to the college the student attends.
- Scholarships will be sent directly to the college: \$500 will be sent in September and \$500 will be sent in January, provided eligibility criteria are being maintained.
- Bloggers may have the opportunity to renew their scholarship for subsequent years of college if eligibility criteria are maintained. This option is subject to funding availability and approval.

Blogger Applying for Scholarship (Note: Both Student and Parent sections of application must be completed.)

☐ Student ☐ Parent

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Telephone Number	
Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Email Address	High School Attending/Attended		
High School Graduation Date/Anticipated Date (mm/yyyy)	High School GPA		
College Attending/Planning to Attend	College GPA (current college students only)		
College Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Anticipated College Graduation Date (mm/yyyy)	Major		

**STUDENT INFORMATION** (continued)

Work Experience (past three years)
School Activities (past three years)
Volunteer Activities (past three years)
Other Extracurricular Activities (past three years)

**PARENT INFORMATION**

Parent Name	Telephone Number		
Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Email Address			
Occupation			
Parent Education Level			
<input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Trade School <input type="checkbox"/> Some College <input type="checkbox"/> AS <input type="checkbox"/> BS <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

**REFERENCE INFORMATION** (Reference may be a teacher, school counselor or other non-related person.)

Name	Title
Telephone Number	Relationship to Blogger

## WRITING SAMPLES

As a blogger, you will write about your experiences and share short stories with readers. Select two of the following topics and write a brief article. (Limit of 300 words for each article.)

### Parent

1. How is your student planning to pay for school?
2. How do you feel about your student attending college?
3. What are you doing to prepare your son or daughter for college?
4. What is the best advice you received when you graduated high school?
5. What do you wish you would have done differently with your son or daughter the past three years?

### Student

1. Why do you want to go to college?
2. What advice do you have for other students about preparing for or applying to college?
3. How did you pick your major?
4. How did you decide which school to attend?
5. How are you planning to pay for school?

## APPLICANT WRITING SAMPLES

Question #1
Question #2

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- ☐ Newsprint, television or social media marketing.
- ☐ Statewide media release with name of student or parent and name of school to television, radio and newspapers.
- ☐ Bank of North Dakota's Facebook page for the College Planning Center and other social media outlets. No contact information will be given.

If child is under 18 years of age, the parent/guardian must consent by signing this form. If the child is 18 years of age or older, the child may consent.

Student Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Parent Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)